

**SCHOOL OF MEDICINE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021
10:00 AM
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

Members and guests in attendance noted below.

MEMBERS:

John J. Reilly, Jr., MD, Dean, School of Medicine and Chair;

Venu Akuthota, MD; Merlin Ariefdjohan, PhD; Leslie Berg, PhD; Evalina Burger, MD; Julie Cooper, PhD; Stephen Daniels, MD, PhD; Frank deGruy, MD; Gerald Dodd, MD; Nicole Draper, MD; Herman Jenkins, MD; Brian Kavanagh, MD, MPH; Wendy Macklin, PhD; Naresh Mandava, MD; David Norris, MD; Angie Ribera, PhD; Richard Schulick, MD, MBA; David Schwartz, MD; Ron Sokol, MD; Ann Thor, MD; Andrew Thorburn, DPhil; Vesna Todorovic, MD, PhD, MBA; Ken Tyler, MD; Richard Zane, MD

GUESTS:

Suzanne Brandenburg, MD; Peter Buttrick, MD; Karen Chacko, MD; Mark Couch; Barbara (Genet) D'Arcy, MD; Amira Del Pino-Jones, MD; Jeffrey Druck, MD; Ellen Elias, MD; Carolyn Goble; Michael Harris-Love, PT, MPT, DSc; Allison Kempe, MD; Allison Krebs; Sarah Miller; John Moore; Chanthy Na; Steven Lowenstein, MD, MPH; Michael Narkewicz, MD; Clifford L. Parmley, MD; David Pollock, PhD; Judy Regensteiner, PhD; Marian Rewers, MD, PhD; Suzann Ruedeman; Carol Rumack, MD; Brian T. Smith; Christopher Smith; Jeffrey SooHoo, MD; Cheryl Welch; Shanta Zimmer, MD

I. GREETINGS

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 19, 2021, meeting minutes were adopted unanimously as presented.

III. DEAN'S UPDATES

Reorganization of the PhD bioscience training programs to the School of Medicine and organizational changes are underway. The associate dean for research education position was posted on CU Careers and the search committee will begin interviewing candidates soon.

The Anschutz Health Sciences Building is on schedule and on budget and is scheduled to open for occupancy in August 2021.

The Colorado State Legislature resumes today (Tuesday, February 16). The Governor's 2021 budget proposed that the state appropriation for the Anschutz Medical Campus that was cut dramatically in 2020 be restored to the 2019 levels.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Faculty Senate Updates: *Merlin Ariefdjohan, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry; Director of Psychiatry Research Initiatives (PRI); and Faculty Senate Secretary,* reported on the January 2021 Faculty Senate meeting. The Dean provided updates on the new Anschutz Health Sciences building, which will include an expansion of the vivarium, additional clinical and research facilities, and will also be the site for the Colorado Center for Personalized Medicine. Faculty Senate President Jaime Arruda, MD, discussed a letter drafted by the Faculty Senate that was sent to the Colorado Medical Board and addressed the issues of peer physician level care and maintaining confidentiality in the process. Dr. Arruda also plans to draft a letter on behalf of the Faculty Senate that will be addressed to the general public as an effort to encourage public acceptance of COVID vaccination efforts. Tyler Anstett, DO, assistant professor, Division of Hospital Medicine, was appointed Faculty Senate representative to the Curriculum Steering Committee for the upcoming academic year. Shanta Zimmer, MD, senior associate dean for education and associate dean for diversity and inclusion, gave a presentation on the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Dr. Zimmer discussed the growing diversity of students matriculating to the School of Medicine, as well as current and new program offerings as a way to meet various diversity related goals. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion continues to maintain active engagement related to student pipeline programs, community engagement, and initiatives for minority student recruitment efforts despite challenges from the pandemic. Those who have questions or concerns should contact Dr. Zimmer directly. David Brumbaugh, MD, Chief Medical Officer at Children's Hospital Colorado, and Brian Montague, DO, associate professor of Medicine and Medical Advisor for UHealth, provided updates on the vaccination efforts at those two facilities. The vaccinations continue to be prioritized for individuals assigned to tiers 1A and 1B. Children's Hospital has expanded vaccination efforts to providers in the community and in schools. Inconsistency in supply, CDC guidelines, and other logistical issues are major challenges in vaccination efforts.

D. Affiliate updates from VA and Denver Health

Veterans Affairs Eastern Colorado Healthcare System: *Clifford "Lee" Parmley, MD, Chief of Staff,* thanked individuals who have reached out to Dr. Parmley and offered to participate in recruitment efforts of various leadership positions at the VA.

Barbara (Genet) D'Arcy, MD mentioned that the VA is working with representatives from the School of Medicine to begin the onboarding process for medical students and residents, including onboarding packets, orientation schedules, and badge access at the VA.

Dr. Reilly asked Drs. Parmley and D'arcy to discuss the hardline research initiative underway at the VA. Dr. D'Arcy noted that the 'hardline' will be a physical IT connection that will allow researchers at the VA to communicate and download research documents more efficiently.

Denver Health and Hospital Authority: Dr. Reilly provided updates on Denver Health, as there were not representatives from Denver Health in attendance. Directors of service searches are underway for Anesthesiology and Inpatient Pediatrics. Several faculty members from the School of Medicine are on the search committees for those positions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

I. APPROVAL ITEMS

- A.** Faculty promotions committee actions were unanimously approved.
- B.** Sr. clinical appointments and promotions committee actions were unanimously approved.
- C.** Professor Emeritus appointments were unanimously approved.